

***Amendments to the Claims***

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): A compound of claim 46, wherein:

R is hydrogen, halogen, lower alkoxy, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl; and

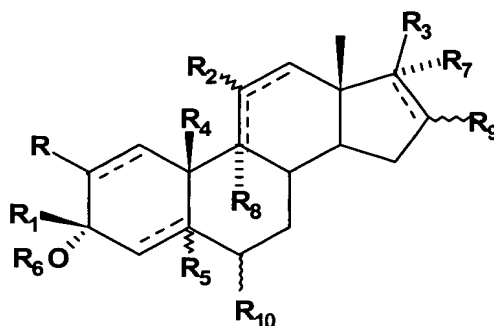
R<sub>3</sub> is one of -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-D or -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-Y'-Z-G.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A compound of claim 25, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-D.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A compound selected from the group consisting of 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3 $\beta$ -methyl-21-(quinolin-6-yloxy)-5 $\alpha$ -pregnan-20-one N-methyl iodide; and 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3 $\beta$ -methyl-21-(quinolin-6-yloxy)-5 $\alpha$ -pregnan-20-one.

Claims 28-45 (canceled)

Claim 46 (amended): A compound of the formula:



or a physiologically acceptable salt or 3-ester thereof; wherein

R is one of hydrogen, amino, thio, sulfinyl, sulfonyl, halogen, lower alkoxy, alkynyl or substituted alkynyl;

R<sub>1</sub> is one of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, optionally substituted aralkynyl, alkoxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, cyano, cyanoalkyl, thiocynoalkyl, azidoalkyl, optionally substituted arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aralkylalkynyl, alkanoyloxyalkynyl, optionally substituted heteroaryloxyalkynyl, oxoalkynyl or a ketal thereof, cyanoalkynyl, optionally substituted heteroarylalkynyl, hydroxyalkynyl, alkoxyalkynyl, aminoalkynyl, acylaminoalkynyl, mercaptoalkynyl, hydroxyalkynyl dioic acid hemi-ester or a salt thereof, or alkynyloxyalkynyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is one of hydrogen, alkoxy, a keto group or a dimethylamino group;

R<sub>3</sub> is one of -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-D, ~~-C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-Z-G~~, or -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-Y'-Z-G;

Y' is O;

Z is one of unsubstituted alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene;

G is one of C-attached heteroaryl[[,]] or a quaternary ammonium salt of a nitrogen containing heteroaryl group;

D is C-attached heteroaryl[[,]] or a quaternary ammonium salt of a nitrogen containing heteroaryl group;

R<sub>4</sub> is one of hydrogen or methyl;

R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are each hydrogen; and

the dotted lines all represent single bonds; ~~with the following proviso:~~

~~when R<sub>3</sub> is -C(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>-Z-G, then R<sub>4</sub> is other than hydrogen;~~

wherein said C-attached heteroaryl is selected from the group consisting of pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, and isoquinolinyl.

Claims 47-54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (previously presented): A compound of claim 46, wherein R is hydrogen, halogen, lower alkoxy, or alkynyl optionally substituted by lower acyclic alkyl, lower cyclic alkyl, carboaryl, heteroaryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, halo, haloalkyl, amino, mercapto, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, alkanoyl, alkanoyloxy, alkanoyloxyalkanoyl, alkoxycarboxy, formyl, carboxy, hydroxy, cyano, azido, keto, alkanoylamido, heteroaryloxy, heterocarbocycloxy, -CONR<sup>k</sup>R<sup>1</sup>, where R<sup>k</sup> and R<sup>1</sup> are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl, -COOR<sup>j</sup>, wherein R<sup>j</sup> is lower alkyl, or combinations thereof.

Claim 56 (canceled)

Claim 57 (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 46, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 58 (canceled)

Claim 59 (amended): A pharmaceutical composition ~~compound~~ comprising a compound of claim 27 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 60-68 (canceled)

Claim 69 (previously presented): The compound of claim 46, wherein  $R_3$  is  $-C(O)-CH_2-O-D$ .

Claim 70 (canceled)

Claim 71 (previously presented): The compound of claim 46, wherein  $R_3$  is  $-C(O)-CH_2-Y'-Z-G$ .

Claims 72-75 (canceled)